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Caching  
Weapons  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SE/PM**

**ATTENTION**

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**SUBJECT**

: **Burial Containers for Weapons**

1. Trial packaging of all weapons except the two LMG's has been performed with the Weapons Burial Container. These tests were conducted using the specified amount of ammunition per weapon plus various cleaning equipment and accessory gear. The items were adequately cushioned inside the container.

2. Similar tests were not performed for the 50" version of the Stainless Steel Burial Container. The figures presented here represent our best judgment based on the extrapolation of the figures for the Weapons Burial Container; hence some discrepancies may result when these combinations are actually tried.

3. It will be noted, however, that in general the gross weights for the 7" x 9" x 50" container are much higher than those for the 4" x 9" x 50" container. It was for this reason that the smaller container was developed, to provide an optimum-sized container that would hold a variety of weapons and still be transportable by one man. As you know, the basic 7" x 9" cross section can be applied to Stainless Steel Burial Containers of any desired length. These special sizes are not currently carried in stock.

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Weapon	Wt. of one Weapon Plus Accessories	Wt. of Ammo Supplied per Weapon	Weapons Burial Container (4' x 9' x 50" -- 15 #)		Stainless Steel Burial Container (7' x 9' x 50" -- 18 #)	
			No. of Weapons per Container	Total Wt. Incl. Container	No. of Weapons per Container	Total Wt. Incl. Container
Rifle, M-1, .30cal	12-1/2 lbs.	9 lbs.	2	58 lbs.	4	104 lbs.
Bar	27 lbs.	11-1/2 lbs.	1	53-1/2 lbs.	3	133 lbs.
			3	63-1/2 lbs.		
SMG, M-3	12 lbs.	4 lbs.	4	79 lbs.	6	114 lbs.
LMG, 1919 A4, w/M2 Tripod	(3) 45 lbs.	(4) 14-1/2 lbs.	(2) 1	74-1/2 lbs.	1	77-1/2 lbs.
	(3)	(4)				
LMG, 1919 A6	32-1/2 lbs.	14-1/2 lbs.	1	62 lbs.	1	65 lbs.
Mortar, 60MM (5)	(3)	(6)				
M1-9 w/Bipod	29 lbs.	3 lbs.	1	47 lbs.	1	50 lbs.

**Notes:**

- (1) Usually includes weight of cleaning supplies plus one loaded clip in magazine.
- (2) It has not been definitely established by trial if the tripod can be fitted into the Weapons Burial Container along with the weapon.
- (3) Include weight of basic weapon only; information on accessories not available at this time. This must be kept in mind when comparing gross weights.
- (4) Weight of one belt only. Amount of ammunition per weapon not specified, although more than one belt could probably be included in either container. This must be kept in mind when comparing gross weights.
- (5) Base plate not included because it is too large to fit in any burial container. It is recommended that the base plate be hot dipped and cached separately.
- (6) Weight of one round only. Amount of ammunition per weapon not specified, although more than one round can probably be included in either container. This must be kept in mind when comparing gross weights.

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